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RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN BIO-TECHNOLOGY
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any specific programmes of Research and Development and manufacturing in biologicals and bio-technology and oversee the initiation and pursuit of related research and manufacturing activities in Andaman & Nicobar Islands;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) & (b) Yes, Research and Development programmes have been supported in the areas of Biodiversity characterization, inventorization and conservation of plant species including medicinal plants and their wild relatives, formulation of herbal drug; biological control of crop pests and diseases prevalent in Andaman and Nicobar Islands and development of diagnostics against Leptospirosis. Training and demonstration programmes have also been supported in solid waste management through vermiculture and on Fish and Prawn culture.

(c) Not applicable.